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Applicants	David Bolt, <i>et al.</i>
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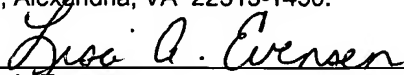
Petition to Accord Filing Date to Items Alleged Omitted

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to accord the Filing Date of November 26, 2003 to the enclosed sheet of drawings (showing Figures 21-23) attached as Exhibit 1. This Petition is filed in response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) mailed August 4, 2004 (copy attached as Exhibit 2), which alleges that the enclosed sheet of drawings was not filed with the original application papers. Applicant contends that all of the enclosed 15 sheets of drawings were in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the nonprovisional application papers.

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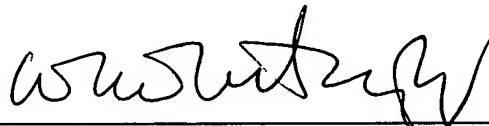


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MPEP 503 provides that "[a] postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as prima facie evidence of receipt with USPTO of all items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO." Exhibit 3 is a copy of such a postcard duly stamped by the Patent Office for the subject application. The postcard itemizes "15 Sheets of Drawings" and includes an Express Mail identifier. The postcard includes an indication of the filing date accorded to the application of November 26, 2003. Apparently, the U.S. Patent Office currently has in its possession only 14 sheets of drawings (showing Figures 1-20). In accordance with MPEP 503, Applicant submits that Exhibit 3 is prima facie evidence that 15 sheets of drawings (including the sheet of drawings attached as Exhibit 1) were filed with the application on November 26, 2003 and should be accorded the same filing date.

A petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,



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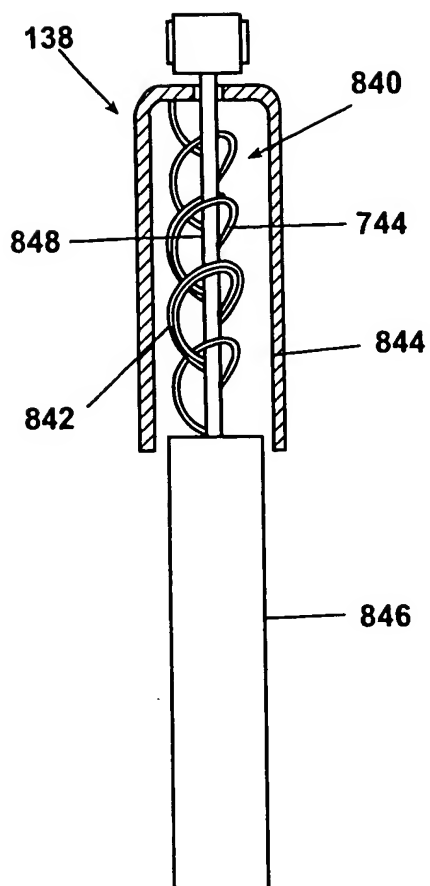


Fig. 21

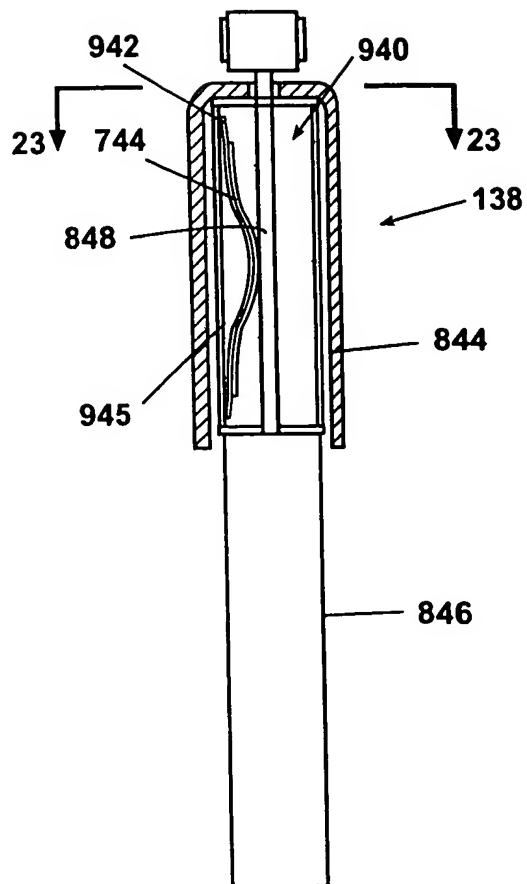


Fig. 22

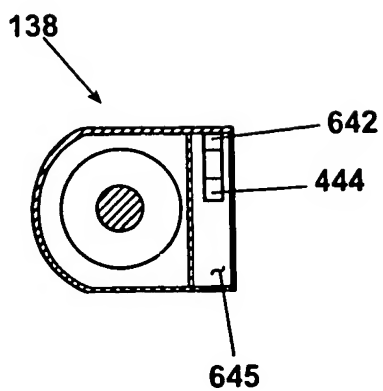


Fig. 23



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